

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **REQUEST TO EXTEND THE PERIOD OF PROJECT COMPLETION PER
RESOLUTION G-03-19, STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GUIDELINES
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ISSUE:

In June 2002, the California Transportation Commission (Commission) allocated \$7,935,000 to the City of Los Angeles for the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway (SMBL) Project. At that time, the City anticipated completing construction in August 2005. However, various issues arose that caused the City to experience delays in completing the project. The City of Los Angeles is requesting a 20-month extension to the period of contract completion for the SMBL Project, to extend the deadline from December 24, 2005 to August 24, 2007.

One of the most significant reasons for delay was the problem with the procurement and fabrication of the formliners that were required in the contract specifications for construction of the large retaining wall. Formliners are molds used to produce specific architectural finishes on concrete. They are normally made of rigid foam, which is placed on the steel or wood forms, and the concrete is poured behind them. The first set of formliners did not function correctly, and had to be replaced. The replacement, including product development and procurement, resulted in a 155-calendar day delay to the scheduled completion date of August 18, 2005. Another significant reason for delay was the unusual and severe rainfall experienced during the winter of 2004/2005.

Additional delays were caused by utility conflicts, unforeseen conditions, and the need to perform design modifications. The SMBL project is on an old State highway and includes an unimproved median that was once railroad right of way. The design of this project was based on existing utility and subsurface records of this area that are not current and involve utilities not being at locations/depths as indicated in existing records.

Some of the unforeseen conditions include the unearthing of concrete structures or discovering existing structures in poor condition, which affects the construction of the improvements. Design modifications made to this project include, but are not limited to, correcting contract plans to reflect actual conditions, implementing community requested changes, and making contractor requested changes. The unforeseen conditions and design modifications required extra work.

The City now anticipates completing the project in August 2006; however, the City is requesting an extension to August 24, 2007, to allow for any additional delays that could occur.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the requested extension through August 24, 2007, for the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway Project.

BACKGROUND:

Resolution G-03-19, STIP Guidelines, adopted by the Commission on December 11, 2003, stipulates that the Commission may approve a waiver to the timely use of funds deadline one time only for up to 20 months in accordance with Section 14529.8 of the Government Code.